

CYBER-INFRASTRUCTURE STEERING COMMITTEE (CISC)

Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2013

Present

Grace Agnew, Chair	Peter Konin	Caryn Radick
Kalaivani Ananthan	Rhonda Marker	Gracemary Smulewitz (guest)
Isaiah Beard	Jane Otto	Mary Beth Weber
John Brennan	Tibor Purger	Ryan Womack
Ron Jantz		

Excused

Linda Langschied	Aletia Morgan
Chad Mills	Krista White

Webscale Evaluation Update

Smulewitz updated the committee on the Website product evaluation, currently in progress. Webscale provides a portal for searching (including faceted searching) most holdings regardless of format. Three vendors were selected for onsite trials. Depending upon the vendor ultimately chosen we will become part of a webscale community giving the libraries and our resources more exposure. A decision on the vendor will be made by mid-August with a soft-landing (advertising the new look to our users) scheduled for October. We will go live in January 2014 with most content. This includes all catalog and commercial data. Repository data may also be available in January.

Testing search capabilities for the catalog and databases for all three products will occur at LSM on July 16 & 17. Marker and Ananthan volunteered to do testing for NJEDL and Faculty Deposits. Charlotte Toke (scores) and Li Sun (Asian materials) will also participate in the testing. Additional testing for functionality will occur at another time. Cathy Pecoraro, Chad Mills, Bob Warwick and Ela Sosnowska were acknowledged for their valuable contributions thus far to the project.

Conference Updates

Smulewitz, Marker and Weber shared information from the recent ALA Conference in Chicago. Otto shared information Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries (QQML) Conference she attended in June.

Smulewitz spoke about the changing business models of publishers. One publisher is implementing base pricing determined by four criteria: total research output from the university, content and impact factors, FTE, and research intensity. Definitions for some of the criteria were very vague. Another publisher offers a core package of titles, defined as those titles used by 85% of their customers. Any titles which fall outside the core would be packaged separately. She also mentioned that based upon surveys they have conducted the vendors found access to electronic journals was far more important to universities than archiving.

Weber attended general information sessions on the CIC and developing ontologies. She also participated on the Journal Editorial Board with Emerging Leaders.

Marker chaired the Collaborative Digitization Interest Group (ASCLA: Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies). Mapping metadata between Mountain West and the DPLA (Digital Public Library Catalog of America) was a big topic of discussion. Marker discussed with CISC the possibility of having NJDH partner with DPLA as a service hub for New Jersey digital collections. The DPLA Content Manager is interested in having NJDH and our collection partners participate. DPLA has a clear workflow for ensuring that all collection partners agree to have their content included. They also have a full time metadata librarian who is experienced at mapping metadata from repositories to DPLA.

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Marker also attended Big Heads, a group consisting of heads of the largest academic technical services departments. They spoke about new member criteria, indicating Texas A&M was recently added to their group. There was also a consensus that staffing remains a major concern at all institutions.

Otto noted the QQML Conference consisted of 400+ presentations. Each day there were four concurrent information streams with detailed abstracts about each session. This allowed attendees to get a clear vision of what will be presented and what may be of most value to them. Along with Laura Mullen, she presented a session on open access policymaking with a focus upon the role for academic librarians as change agents in research institutions. It was well-attended and received.

New CISC Members

Agnew asked for a vote from the committee to invite Yu-Hung Lin from the George F. Smith Library of Health Sciences and Fengzhi Fan from the Robert Wood Johnson Library of the Health Sciences to become CISC members. The vote was unanimously in favor. Agnew said she will contact them.

RUcore Statistics

Jantz distributed and reviewed RUcore statistics for both 2010 through 2013 and 2013 YTD (January – June). Statistics included Storage (total number of objects), Usage (downloads, utilization), and Ingest Activity (monthly ingest rate).

Thus far in 2013 most collections showed a high percentage of unique objects downloaded (utilization). Of the eight collections (ETDs, NJDH, RUL Special Collections, etc) six had at least 77% of their unique objects downloaded during the first half of the year. Not surprisingly, 100% of ETDs were downloaded. Other heavily downloaded collections include NJDH (96%) and Video Mosaic (94%).

The 2010-2013 data shows a steadily increasing number of downloads. At the current rate we expect to hit 1,000,000 RUcore downloads for 2013. (569,069 through June.) The current one year high is 587,831 in 2012. Additionally, the number of unique items downloaded (utilization) continues to trend upward: 39% (2010), 59% (2011), 71% (2012), 81% (2013).

Historic Rutgers Dissertations Project

Jantz reviewed the Major Digitization Projects Questionnaire for the “Historic Rutgers Dissertations” project. The goal of the project is to digitize pre-2007 Rutgers theses and dissertations and make them available through the ETD Collection in RUcore. He has already met with Janice Pilch and Rhonda Marker to discuss the project. Agnew suggested he meet offline with Marker and Weber to discuss how to best catalog and map new theses and dissertations. She also mentioned to be mindful of any personal data included in these theses and dissertations.

AUL Update

Agnew said RUL will join the Digital Preservation Network (DPN). DPN provides a dark archive for already digitized materials and associated metadata. Beard, Mills and Womack will participate in any DPN activities.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31 at 10:00 in the Technical Services Conference Room.

Submitted by John Brennan
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